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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON DJIBOUTI

1. ALTHOUGHT FRENCH PERMREP DE BUIRINGAUD HAD INDICATED EVENING FEB 17 TO AMB BENNETT THAT MEDIATION EFFORTS BY EGYPTIAN PERMREP MEGUID MIGHT FORESTALL NECESSITY FOR SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION ON DJIBOUTI INCIDENT, COUNCIL MET AS SCHEDULED MORNING FEB 18.

2. FRENCH PERMREP DE GUIRINGAUD BEGAN DEBATE. HE DELIVERED RATHER CONCILIATORY STATEMENT REJECTING SOMALI ACCUSATIONS, RECITING FRENCH VERSION OF INCIDENT, EXPRESSING DEEP REGRET OVER SOMALI LOSSES AND NOTING FRENCH WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO TALKS WITH MOGADISCIO. DE GUIRINGAUD DISTRIBUTED FRENCH PHOTOS OF LOYADA AREA (POUCHED DEPT IO/UNP-TEFFT).

3. SOMALI PERMREP HUSSEN THEN DELIVERED HARD HITTING STATEMENT  
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ATTACKING FRENCH, INCLUDING CITATIONS FROM FRENCH PRESS. ON

SEVERAL OCCASIONS, FRENCH PERMREP INTERRUPTED ON POINTS OF ORDER, URGING THAT HUSSEN CONFINE HIMSELF TO DISCUSSION OF INCIDENT OF FEBRUARY 4. LIBYANS AND SOMALIS APPEALED TO SC PRESIDENT (AMB MOYNIHAN) TO ALLOW SOMALIA TO GET DEEPER INTO GENERAL QUESTION, SINCE INCIDENT RELATED TO GREATER ISSUE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AREA. SC PRESIDENT RULED THAT SOMALIA COULD CONTINUE SPEAKING WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE AGENDA. THIS RULING WAS SUPPORTED BY TANZANIA. SOMALI CONTINUED, CITING ELEMENTS OF TYPE OF RESOLUTION SOMALIA HOPED TO SEE SC ADOPT. FRENCH TOOK THE FLOOR FOLLOWING SOMALI STATEMENT TO RECITE FRENCH GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE OF 31 DEC 1975 ON THIS TERRITORY AND FRENCH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS STATEMENT OF LAST WEEK. SOMALI THEN COMMENTED THAT IF A TERRITORY'S SOVEREIGNTY AND INTEGRITY ARE GUARANTEED BY ANOTHER COUNTRY, THAT TERRITORY IS NOT TRULY INDEPENDENT AT WHICH POINT SC PRESIDENT RULED HIM OUT OF ORDER AS STRAYING BEYOND AGENDA. SOMALIS ALSO DISTRIBUTED PHOTOS, COPIES OF WHICH ARE BEING POUCHED TO DEPT. FULL COVERAGE OF STATEMENTS BY SEPTTEL.

4. AT END OF MEETING, FRENCH ASKED US INFORMALLY TO CONSIDER SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING AFTERNOON FEB 19. SOMALIS, THEN SUPPORTED BY FRENCH, TOLD US PRIVATELY THEY WOULD NOT OBJECT IF MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL FRIDAY. SOMALIS ADDED THAT THEY ARE EXPECTING INSTRUCTIONS LATE FEB 18 AS WELL AS INFORMATION CONCERNING PROGRESS OF EGYPTIAN MEDIATION EFFORTS.

5. ETHIOPIANS, WHO ARE PARTICIPATING UNDER RULE 37, INFORM US THEY HAVE MINISTERIAL DELEGATION ARRIVING FROM ADDIS ABABA. THUS FAR, NO DELEGATION HAS REQUESTED TO SPEAK AT NEXT MEETING.  
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